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Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56 and in keeping with the guidelines of 37 CFR §1.98, Applicant hereby submits information thought to be relevant to the examination of the above-identified application. Also submitted herewith is a completed form PTO-1449.

This information came to light during the examination of a counterpart application in the European Patent Office in an Office

Action dated December 7, 2001. Accordingly, the undersigned hereby certifies that the information submitted herewith is being submitted within three months from the date of that Office Action.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, no First Office Action on the merits has yet been received in the above-identified application.

A copy of the Search Report from the European Patent Office showing relevance of the attached references are also submitted herewith.

European Patent Application No. 0779 621 (Obata) apparently relates to an optical disk apparatus for enabling the use of a compact disc such as a CD-ROM for performing a process having a recording format according to a linear velocity constant control and a second process having a recording format according to an angular velocity constant control.

U.S. Patent Application No. 4,766,502 (Mashimo) apparently relates to information signal recording apparatuses. More specifically, the invention relates to an information signal recording apparatus for recording information signals on an information signal recording disc (ISRD). The ISRD rotates in either a constant angular velocity or a constant linear velocity. Thus, the apparatus is capable of adapting to the respective rotation modes in order to provide the optimal recording.

Japanese Patent Abstract No. 07235126 (Yushi) apparently relates to an apparatus which can process both linear and angular

velocity speeds which in turn provides better efficiency by properly changing over between the linear velocity and the rotational speed.

Japanese Patent Abstract No. 11306661 (Masahiro) apparently relates to a data reading device designed for use on an optical disk. Specifically, the invention relates to an improved data read-out device which changes over a rotary driving means thereby providing an optimal read-out.

Japanese Patent Abstract No. 06162648 (Yasuto) apparently relates to an optical disk control apparatus. More specifically, the invention records and reproduces more reliably by detecting the type of optical disk used and changing over and controlling a servo accordingly.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, if a fee is required for this submission, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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